

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State youths who admirably demonstrate their true potential as lifelong learners and future societal leaders through the excellence of their achievements thus far as students; and

Whereas, Abby MacConnell, Caitlin Mueller, and Josh Newberry, high school seniors from Hazelwood West High School, in Hazelwood, Missouri, are universally recognized as the driving force behind the Room at the Inn Homelessness Project at Hazelwood West; and

Whereas, these three students recently enhanced their already impressive record of achievement when they were chosen for a Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Inspire by Example Youth Group Award in light of the service-learning project that they have undertaken; and

Whereas, these three seniors will receive their Inspire by Example Youth Group service-learning award during a special ceremony that will take place at the state capital on April 25, 2007; and

Whereas, Room at the Inn is located in Bridgeton, Missouri, and some of the children served by the shelter attend schools in the Hazelwood School District, and the shelter itself is located approximately five miles from Hazelwood West High School; and

Whereas, Room at the Inn provides immediate emergency shelter to families who are homeless and it is sponsored by the Sister of Division Providence in collaboration with more than fifty-five interfaith congregations with support of agencies, foundations, businesses and individuals; and

Whereas, during the last school year, one of Hazelwood West's classes 'adopted' a family that was staying at the Inn, and this year, Abby MacConnell, Caitlin Mueller, and Josh Newberry approached the teacher to do the project again, and through their encouragement and determination, a challenge to the reset of the school was made; and

Whereas, the result of Abby MacConnell's, Caitlin Mueller's, and Josh Newberry's efforts was a video depicting the needs of the shelter and homeless, which was shown to the school, with a student forum that followed in which further information was given, and finally, two school buses were packed with Christmas gifts and other needed items for the shelter's residents, enough to help eighty families:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Caitlin Mueller, Abby MacConnell, and Josh Newberry for an Inspire by Example Youth Group service-learning award from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and to convey to them this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capital on April 25, 2007; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Josh Newberry, Abby MacConnell, and Caitlin Mueller of Hazelwood West High School.

Offered by _____
Representative Tony George
District No. 74

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker